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PATENT  
**Case No. AUS920010138US1**  
(9000/25)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:

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Serial No.: 09/843,068

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Title: METADATA GRAPHICAL  
USER INTERFACE

Examiner: CAMPBELL, J.D.

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is Appellants response to the Notice of Noncompliant Appeal Brief mailed  
March 6, 2007.

The Brief filed January 8, 2007 is fully complaint. Specifically, the notification alleges a failure to map each independent claim to the specification by page and line number. However, even a cursory review of the filed brief illustrates such mapping on pages 7 and 8 of the brief. For the convenience of the Office, these pages are reproduced below.

Withdrawal of the Notification of Noncompliant Appeal Brief is requested.

5. **SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER**

**Independent Claim 1:**

Independent claim 1 recites a method for generating metadata objects. The method includes displaying S52 a spreadsheet 60 including metadata information MDI therein and providing S54 a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet 60 into a comma separated value file. See, FIGS 3, 4, and 1, and pages 4-9 of the specification.

**Independent claim 4:**

Independent claim 4 recites a method for generating metadata objects. The method includes displaying S52 a spreadsheet 60 including metadata information MDI and one or more metadata directives MDD therein and providing S54 a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet 60 into a comma separated value file. See, FIGS 3, 4, and 1, and pages 4-9 of the specification.

**Independent claim 7:**

Independent claim 7 recites a computer for generating metadata objects. The computer includes means for displaying S52 a spreadsheet 60 including metadata information MDI therein; and means for providing a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet 60 into a comma separated value file. See, FIGS 3, 4, and 1, and pages 4-9 of the specification.

**Independent claim 10:**

Independent claim 10 recites a computer for generating metadata objects. The computer includes means for displaying a spreadsheet 60 including metadata information MDI and one or more metadata directives MDD therein and means for providing S54 a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet 60 into a comma separated value file. See, FIGS 3, 4, and 1, and pages 4-9 of the specification.

**Independent claim 13:**

Independent claim 13 recites a computer program product in a computer readable medium for generating metadata objects. The computer program product includes computer readable code for displaying S52 a spreadsheet 60 including metadata information MDI therein and computer readable code for providing S54 a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet 60 into a comma separated value file. See, FIGS 3, 4, and 1, and pages 4-9 of the specification.

**Independent claim 16**

Independent claim 16 recites a computer program product in a computer readable medium for generating metadata objects. The computer program product includes computer readable code for displaying S52 a spreadsheet 60 including metadata information MDI and one or more metadata directives MDD therein and computer readable code for providing S54 a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet 60 into a comma separated value file. See, FIGS 3, 4, and 1, and pages 4-9 of the specification.

**CONCLUSION**

The Appellants respectfully submit that claims 1-18 fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested.

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